Argentina	140.4
Brazil	158.5
Bangladesh	235.5
Indonesia	248.0
Pakistan	157.5
Thailand	214.0
Turkey	214.0
India	189.2

Procurement of Rice and Wheat

3850. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state the State-wise procurement of rice and wheat during 1991-92 and the State-wise targets for the year 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): A statement showing State-wise quantities of rice and wheat procured during 1991-92 kharif and rabi marketing seasons is attached. (See below.) The procurement of paddy and wheat under price support operation being totally on voluntary basis and the procurement of levy rice being dependent on the quantum of paddy purchased by the rice millers, no targets as such can be fixed for procurement of rice and wheat.

Statement

STATEWISE PROCUREMENT OF RICE (INCLUDING PADDY IN TERMS OF RICE) AND WHEAT DURING 1991-92 KHARIF AND RABI MARKETING SEASONS.

('000 Tonnes)
PROVISIONAL

State/Union Territory	Rice	Wheat
Andhra Pradesh	2261	—
Arunachal Pradesh	Neg.	—
Assam	6	—
Gujarat	11	—
Haryana	919	1834
Jammu & Kashmir	3	—
Karnataka	115	—
Madhya Pradesh	404	—
Maharashtra	52	—
Orissa	266	—
Punjab	4249	5543
Rajasthan	20	7
Tamil Nadu	997	—
Uttar Pradesh	831	368
West Bengal	79	—
Chandigarh	24	—
Delhi	5	—
Pondicherry	5	—
ALL INDIA	10247	7752

Neg:Below 500 tonnes.

Decrease in Rice Quota to Central Pool by Andhra Pradesh

3851. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Central Government to decrease the quota of rice to be supplied to central pool from 9 lakh tonnes to 5 lakh tonnes per annum; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes Sir. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Central Government to allot 22 lakh tonnes of rice back to State Government for public distribution system in the State out of the estimated procurement of 27 lakh tonnes of rice to be made by Andhra Pradesh Government for Central Pool during 1992-93 kharif marketing season, thereby restricting their net contribution to Central Pool to 5 lakh tonnes during 1992-93 kharif season.

(b) Andhra Pradesh Government has been requested to endeavour to procure 30 lakh tonnes of rice for Central pool during the *current* 1992-93 kharif marketing season so that 22 lakh tonnes of rice could be given back to the State to meet its requirements for public distribution system etc.